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PREFACE.

As the Church universal is formed of the separate Churches of many countries, so each particular Church is made up of the several families of its members. If therefore every member of the Church of England is to consider his family as a portion of the Church of his country, it is desirable that in the important practice of family devotion, this principle should be kept in mind, and that domestic prayer should be made, as it were, the means of training its members for the public service of the sanctuary. With a view to this object, not only has the language of the Book of Common Prayer been adopted, as far as possible, in this manual, but an attempt has also been made to preserve the main features of its particular form and order.

It is not intended that the Service here proposed should take the place of the daily Service of the Church; where an opportunity is offered

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for attending it. And therefore the prayers selected are chiefly taken from those parts of the Liturgy which are appointed for occasional use.

It may be presumed that the Liturgical form which has been given to this manual needs neither apology nor recommendation, as the advantages of such an arrangement are generally admitted. It may be remarked, however, that its interest and usefulness will greatly depend upon the members of the family joining distinctly and fervently in the part assigned to them in the service, for which purpose a copy should be provided for each person.

It is hoped that the book will prove useful in promoting the objects of social worship, not only in private families, but also in Schools, Hospitals, and Workhouses.

On every Saint's Day the Collect appointed for that day should be introduced before the first Collect. This observation applies also to the prayers for the Ember Weeks.

Forms of Prayer and Thanksgiving, collected from various sources, will be found in the Appendix, adapted to such occasions as seem not to be provided for in the Book of Common Prayer.

PREFACE.

The usefulness of family worship will be much increased if it is accompanied by the reading of some portion of Holy Scripture. It would be most in accordance with the order of the Prayer Book to introduce the reading of Scripture after the suffrages which follow the Lord's Prayer.

There are occasions when a shorter service may be desirable; provision has been made for this want by the introduction into the present edition of a few abbreviated forms.

The Compiler again wishes it to be understood that this little Work has no claim to entire originality; he is anxious to acknowledge that he has benefited by the labours of those who have published somewhat similar manuals, as well as by the assistance of friends during its progress. He notices also both acknowledged and unacknowledged traces of his own labours, in works published since the former Edition.

*Alresford Rectory,
September, 1862.*

Sunday Morning and Evening.

Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

GOD blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Gen. ii. 3.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm cxviii. 24.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. xv. 20.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. iii. 1, 2.

Sunday.

In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isa. xxx. 15.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. iv. 1.

Then let the following Confession be said by the whole Family, with the Master, all kneeling; the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; open thy eye of mercy upon us thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or, by our own carnal will and frailness. And forasmuch as we put our full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto us our former sins, but pardon our transgressions,

Sunday.

strengthen us with thy blessed Spirit, and whenever thou art pleased to take us hence, take us unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let the Family answer here, and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not

Sunday.

into temptation; But deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise let him say,

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

Answer. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

Master. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest.

Answer. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night-season.

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

This and the three following Prayers, to be used in the Morning Service.

Sunday.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.*

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Or this.

O God, who hast consecrated this day to thy especial honour and service, give us grace so to observe it, that it may be the beginning of a peaceful week to us, and that none of thy judgements may fall upon us for profaning it.

* A Collect for each day is inserted in the place occupied, in the Book of Common Prayer, by the Collect for the Week. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, being the days respectively of the Betrayal, Ascension, Crucifixion, and Burial of the Redeemer, a particular train of thought is suggested for those Prayers, as in this for Sunday in remembrance of his Resurrection.

Sunday.

Mercifully accept the prayers of thy Church throughout the world which shall this day be offered at the Throne of Grace; prepare our hearts that we may serve thee with reverence and godly fear, and yet approaching thee with filial confidence in the covenant of grace, may be accepted before thee in the name and through the mediation of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. COLLECT FOR DIVINE TEACHING.

BLESSED Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR UNITY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy

Sunday.

Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon the Clergy, and all thy ministering servants, thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday.

To be added on Communion Sundays.

O God, whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was made partaker of death for us, that we might be partakers with him of Life Eternal, who also in the same night in which he was betrayed, did institute and ordain holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death; Mercifully grant that we, with all those who shall this day come to thy Holy Table, may be filled with the Spirit of Grace in the inner man: that drawing near in penitence, and faith, and love, we may receive that Holy Sacrament to our present and everlasting comfort; through the same, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This and the three following Prayers, to be used in the Evening Service.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great

Sunday.

triumph unto thy Kingdom in Heaven; We beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name; vouchsafe to us an interest in the prayers of thy Church throughout the world, which have this day been offered at the Throne of Grace; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of thy Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. COLLECT FOR DIVINE TEACHING.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day

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with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honour and praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR UNITY.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday.

A PRAYER FOR THE HEATHEN.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Mahometans, Heathens, and Hereticks, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

To be added on Communion Sundays.

O LORD Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, who didst ordain the blessed Sacrament of thy most precious Body and Blood for the strengthening and refreshing of the souls of all true and faithful members of thy Church

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until thy coming again; we yield thee hearty thanks for thy mercy vouchsafed towards us, who have this day been partakers of these Holy Mysteries, and humbly we beseech thee to grant that we may hereby be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and that giving up ourselves henceforth in body, soul, and spirit to thy service in this world, we may hereafter ever dwell with thee in the world to come, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

For Morning and Evening.

O LORD God of our salvation, who hast been exceedingly gracious unto us, we are here now before thee, with all due thankfulness, to acknowledge thine unspeakable goodness, and to offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise for the same; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our unfeigned, though unworthy oblation of ourselves; vowed all holy obedience in thought, word, and work, unto thy Divine

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Majesty. We humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favour towards us; so we thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever, and will always be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Numb. vi. 24—26.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

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Monday Morning and Evening.

Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

BE careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. iv. 6.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. vii. 7.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James iv. 8.

After which let the Confession following be said by the whole Family, with the Master, all kneeling: the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be

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favourable to thy people, who turn to thee. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Let the Family answer here, and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

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Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise let him say,

O LORD, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Master. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O God, who hast appointed our different stations in life, graciously look upon thy servants, the members of this family. May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Give us grace that we may live in thy fear, and honestly improve all the talents thou hast committed to our trust; and grant that no worldly business, nor pleasure may ever make us forgetful of the solemn account which we must one day render unto thee. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the

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midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

O most blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy, we thy creatures whom thou hast made, and

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preserved, and redeemed by the precious blood of thy dear Son, humbly present ourselves before thy Divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of thy mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday.

Tuesday Morning and Evening.

Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 6, 7.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; long-suffering, and of great goodness. Psa. ciii. 8.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him. Ver. 13.

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After which let the Confession following be said by the whole Family, with the Master, all kneeling; the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord.

Let the Family answer here, and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it after him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise let him say,

O LORD, save thy servants;

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Answer. Which put their trust in thee.

Master. Send us help from thy holy place;

Answer. And evermore mightily defend us.

Master. Let the enemy have no advantage of us.

Answer. Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.

Master. Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower;

Answer. From the face of our enemy.

Master. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to look mercifully upon this family and household, and to pour thy blessing upon all its members. Grant to us severally such measures of thy

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grace as may fit us for the duties of our respective stations. Make us respectful to our superiors, friendly to our equals, kind and considerate to the poor and needy, charitable and forgiving to those who do us wrong. Make us to be a household fearing thee, and abounding more and more in love towards thee, and in devotion to thy service; that so this family may be, amongst many others, the humble means of keeping alive a spirit of piety in this kingdom and people, that thou mayest bless them, and visit them with thy salvation. And grant that having dwelt together here in thy fear and love, we may together be received into thine everlasting habitations, which thou hast prepared for thy faithful servants; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and

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rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR ALL CHRISTIANS.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Tuesday.

THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages shewed thy power and mercy towards those who trust in thee; we yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for thy mercies towards us. We beseech thee to give us such a lively and lasting sense of what thou hast done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness; but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our religion. All which we humbly beg for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday.

NOTE.—*If preferred, the Service for Wednesday Evening, can be substituted for the Litany on Wednesday and Friday Morning.*

Wednesday Morning.

Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

I HAVE no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. Ezek. xviii. 32.

Turn thou me and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. Jer. xxxi. 18.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. i. 18.

I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Heb. viii. 12.

Wednesday.

After which let the Litany be said, all kneeling, the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief: from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

* From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

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We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help,

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and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

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We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true
repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences,
and ignorances; and to endue us with
the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our
lives according to thy holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the
sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the
sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*Then shall the Master, and the Family with him, say
the Lord's Prayer,*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Master. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Answer. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour

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and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit. Psalm xxxiv. 18.

The preparation of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. Prov. xvi. 1.

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor: thou preparest their heart and thine ear hearkeneth thereto. Psalm x. 19.

After which let the Confession following be said by the whole Family, with the Master, all kneeling; the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,

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and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy

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will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And for-
give us our trespasses, As we forgive them
that trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation; But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Then likewise let him say,

O LORD, shew thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Master. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we
call upon thee.

Master. Endue thy Ministers with right-
eousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people
joyful.

Master. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Master. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that
fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

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Master. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us..

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

The three following Collects to be used in the Wednesday Service.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O LORD God Almighty, who to redeem mankind didst deliver up thine only Son to be betrayed by one of his own disciples into the hands of his malicious enemies; grant us by the help of thy Spirit, to abhor our own sins, which were no less the occasion of his death than the traitor Judas; and mercifully grant, also, that we may never fall from thee, or be led to act treacherously one to another, through covetousness or any other

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temptation, but that we may stedfastly persevere unto the end, in the fellowship of thy Word and Spirit, and in communion of all saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The three following Collects to be used in the Friday Service.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More

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especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are anyways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above

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all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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Thursday Morning and Evening.

Let the Master of the Family read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all standing.

THUS saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isaiah lvii. 15.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them. Psalm cxlv. 18, 19.

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After which let the Confession following be said by the whole Family, with the Master, all kneeling; the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Let the Family answer here, and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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Then likewise let him say,

Master. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Master. Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Master. Lord, hear our prayers.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

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2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness. And grant, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peace-

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ably ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O most mighty and gracious God, thy mercy is over all thy works, and in an especial manner hath been extended towards us. We beseech thee, make us truly sensible now of thy mercy, and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, thy goodness toward us; that we whom thou hast saved may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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*See Service for Morning, page 35, and Evening,
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*Let the Master of the Family read some one or more
of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow, all
standing.*

SANCTIFY the Lord of hosts himself;
and let him be your fear, and let him be
your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary.
Isa. viii. 13, 14.

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he
may be gracious unto you, and therefore will
he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon
you: for the Lord is a God of judgment:
blessed are all they that wait for him. Isa.
xxx. 18.

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After which let the Confession following be said by the whole family, with the Master, all kneeling; the Master first saying,

Let us pray.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults; and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged. Turn thy face away from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us: for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Let the Family answer here and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

Then let the Master say the Lord's Prayer, the Family repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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Then likewise let him say,

O LORD, save thy servants;

Answer. That put their trust in thee.

Master. Send unto them help from above.

Answer. And evermore mightily defend them.

Master. Help us, O God our Saviour.

Answer. And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.

Master. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Master. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1. COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with

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him; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O LORD and heavenly Father, who hast brought us to the close of another week; we acknowledge thy great goodness towards us, in sparing us when we deserve punishment, in giving us the necessaries of this life, and in setting before us the hope of a better. Pardon, O Lord, our offences; correct and amend what is amiss in us; that as we grow in years we may grow in grace, and the nearer we come to our latter end we may be the better prepared for it; and because we know not the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, grant us grace so to live that we may not be afraid to meet him at his appearing and kingdom. Hear us, we pray thee, for his name's sake. *Amen.*

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2. COLLECT FOR GRACE.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we most humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching

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thee to inspire the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, who of thy gracious Providence, and tender mercy towards us, hast preserved and blessed us hitherto; we most humbly praise and magnify thy most glorious Name for thy unspeakable

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goodness towards us. We confess it has been of thy mercy alone, that we are not consumed : for our sins have cried to heaven against us, and our iniquities justly called for vengeance upon us. But thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities. Let the consideration of this thy repeated goodness, O Lord, work in us true repentance ; And increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, fruitful in all holy obedience ; that thou mayest still continue thy favour, with the light of thy Gospel, to us and our posterity for evermore : and that for thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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For occasional use.

Sunday Morning.

If time permit, let the Master read Psalm lxiii., lxv., lxxxiv., or Heb. x. 20—26; if not, let him say,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, holy Father, who hast spared us to the opening of another sabbath; we confess with sorrow that we have often profaned thy holy day, by finding our own pleasure, and doing our own ways, and when we have drawn nigh thee with our mouth and honoured thee with our lips, our hearts have been far from thee. We have thus grieved thy Spirit, and provoked thee to cut us off from the means of grace and repentance. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O

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Lord, but spare us, who confess our sins unto thee, and prepare our hearts to seek thee now, that this day may be to us not only one of rest to the body from fatigue, and to the mind from care, but of spiritual blessing also to the soul. Look with favour upon the clergy, and all who may be engaged in the instruction of the young ; teach them, that they may teach others, and while they plant and water, do thou vouchsafe the increase. Bless all Christian congregations, that they may receive thy word in all meekness, and worship thee in spirit and in truth ; O gracious God, so pour thy blessing upon all that it may be a day of grace and salvation to the souls of those who know thee not, and a season of refreshing from thy presence to all thy faithful servants. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

HEAVENLY Father, who hast been pleased to call us, even us, to the knowledge of thy name, and the enjoyment of all the means of grace in thy church ; accept our thanksgivings for these great privileges ; enable us to prize them more highly, to profit by them more fully, and to walk more worthy of our high and holy vocation. Have pity upon those who are still without them.

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Let the light of thy gospel shine in the dark places of the earth; that the heathen may be converted, and the kingdom of thy dear Son advanced. Grant this, we beseech thee, for his name's sake. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

Numbers vi. 24, 25, 26.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

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Sunday Evening.

*If time permit, let the Master read Phil. iv. 4-9,
or Rev. vii. 9 to end; if not, let him say,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, we approach thee on the evening of this holy day, thankful for the privileges we have been permitted to enjoy; but humbled for our manifold sins and imperfections. Pardon, we beseech thee, the iniquity of our holy things; forgive the wandering of our thoughts, the coldness of our affections, the hardness and unbelief of our hearts in listening to the truths of thy holy word, and be pleased to accept our imperfect services, as our bounden duty, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences for his sake, who ever liveth to make intercession for us. And, Holy Father, let not the sabbath pass away without some blessing to our souls, and the souls of all whom we would remember at the throne of

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grace. Let some savour of thy truth abide with us and them, to purify and elevate our hearts, and to strengthen us for the duties and trials of the coming week ; help us to live more nearly as we pray, and to shew forth our thanksgiving in the devotion of our lives ; that so we may be training upon earth, for the employments of the blessed in heaven. Have mercy upon all mankind, and hasten that time when “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Hear us for his sake, in whose name and words we close our imperfect devotions.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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Morning Prayer.

To be used on any other day.

*Let the Master of the Family, all standing, devoutly
read what followeth, the rest seriously attending.*

THE Lord hath brought us safe to the beginning of this day; let us give him thanks for this and for all his mercies. Let us pray that we may live in the fear of GOD, and in love and charity with each other and our neighbours; that his Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, teaching us what to do and what to avoid, and shed abroad his love therein, as our constraining motive; that the grace of God may be with us, to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; that the Lord may bless all our honest endeavours, and make us content with what his Providence shall order for us; and that we may serve him faithfully this day, and all the days of our life.

For all which blessings let us devoutly pray.

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Then all kneeling, let him say,

O GOD, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of all thy mercies, and thankful for them. We are indeed unworthy of thy favours, for we have broken thy laws, disregarded thy promises, and been unthankful for thy blessings. Be merciful unto us, for Jesus' sake, and forgive us those things whereof our consciences are afraid; make us, we beseech thee, every day more careful of our ways, more concerned to please thee, more sensible of our wants, more dependent upon thy grace. O Lord, without thee we can do nothing that is good. To thee, therefore, we turn with earnest prayer for grace to know our duty; for willing minds to do it; and for strength to perform what thou requirest of us; mercifully pardon our infirmities, and accept of our unworthy service, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TAKE us, O Lord, we beseech thee, and all for whom we would pray, under the special protection of thy Providence this day. Preserve all

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those who travel by land or water. Supply the necessities of the poor and needy ; help and comfort the afflicted, the fatherless, and the widow ; deliver or support all that labour under any pressing calamity, sadness of spirit, or infirmity of body, and especially all such as suffer in a righteous cause. Keep us in thy faith and fear all the day long ; continue to us the mercies we already enjoy ; make every condition of life, everything that befalleth us, a means of bringing us nearer unto thee, and to that happiness which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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Evening Prayer.

To be used on any other day.

Let the Master of the Family, all standing, read what followeth, the rest seriously attending.

BY the favour of God, we are brought to the evening of this day, and we are so much nearer to the end of this life. Let us seriously consider this, and pray to God to prepare us for the coming of Christ: let us with penitent hearts beseech God to pardon our offences for Jesus' sake, and to deliver us from the evils which we have deserved: let us resolve to amend whatever we have done amiss, and pray God that his grace may keep us from returning to our sins: and that we may be safe under his protection, who alone can defend us from the Powers of Darkness.

For all which blessings let us devoutly pray.

Then all kneeling, let him say,

ALMIGHTY God and most Merciful Father! we kneel again before thee, to acknowledge thy goodness to us during the day past, to implore

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thy merciful protection this night, and to praise thy holy name for all thy mercies from time to time bestowed upon us. We confess, O God, with sorrow, that we do not walk worthy of the great benefits which we constantly receive from thy grace and providence. Pardon us, good Lord, for the merits of Jesus Christ, in whatever we have during the day past offended in thought, or word, or deed, against thee, or against our neighbour. Look upon us in much compassion, not for anything in us, but for the love which thou bearest to him, in whom we verily believe thou art fully reconciled to us ; create in us new hearts—hearts fit to serve thee ; and write thy law in them, that all our desires, words and actions may be conformable to thy blessed will ; and that each day as it closes, may find us more prepared for the rest that remaineth to the people of God. Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to our relations, our friends, and all our neighbours, the same mercies which we are now asking for ourselves. We pray for all Christians, for the weak, that they may be supported, for those that stand, that they may be preserved, for those that are in error, that they may be converted. We pray

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for all Jews, Mahometans, and Heathen, that they may be brought to a knowledge of the truth. We pray for the whole world, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health amongst all nations. And now take us, and all dear to us, to thy care and blessing ; keep our bodies in safety, and our minds at peace, and raise us up refreshed for the duties of another day, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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Collects for Fasts and Festivals,

To be used before the first Collect.

*In the Ember Weeks, to be said every day, for those
that are to be admitted into Holy Orders.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve thee in the sacred ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALMIGHTY God, the Giver of all good gifts, who of thy Divine Providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church; give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the

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same ; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LENT.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights ; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ASCENSION DAY.

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven ; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless ; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone

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before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit ; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort ; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man ; Grant us the true Circumcision of the spirit ; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will ; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPIPHANY, OR THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles ; Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL.

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world ; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MATTHIAS'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles ; Grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts ; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be

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brought unto the glory of his resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MARK'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark ; Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life ; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life ; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life ; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endure thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost ; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance ; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching ; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PETER'S DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock ; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him ; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SAINT BARTHolemew THE APOSTLE.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word ; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist ; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order ; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul ; May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of

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the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed ; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES.

O ALMIGHTY God, who has built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord ; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay ; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection ; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever more. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin ; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

GRANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed ; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his persecutors to thee, O blessed Jesus, who

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standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths : Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocence of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS.

1. *For an Increase of Labourers in the Lord's Vineyard.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst command the Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature ; Grant to us a ready will to obey thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health amongst all nations. O thou Lord of the harvest, send forth labourers into thine harvest, and fit them by thy gracious Spirit for their work. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake ; and grant that all who are called by thy Name may be one in thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and in free-will offerings, for the extension of thy kingdom

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throughout the world, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

II. *For a Blessing on Missionaries and their Labours.*

O MERCIFUL Saviour, fulfil thy promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name to preach the Gospel of Salvation in distant lands. Bless them, we beseech thee, with thy continual favour; and let thy Holy Spirit be their Guide and Comforter. Be with them in all perils by land and by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Fill them with heavenly wisdom; strengthen them to endure hardness; and so abundantly bless their word, that the heathen may be converted, and thy kingdom hastened. Grant this for thy name's sake. *Amen.*

Prayer upon New Year's Day.

O LORD God, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday; from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. We bless thy Holy Name

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that thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another year. Give us, we beseech thee, a due sense of thy goodness, and grant us grace to begin this year with hearty repentance for the sins of the past, and with steadfast resolution to lead a new life. O Lord, pardon all our misspent time, and make us diligent in duly improving that which is to come ; that so being made wise unto salvation, we may consider in this our day the things that belong unto our peace, and pass the residue of our life in the comfortable hope of a blessed Eternity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer upon the Marriage of any Member of the Family.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast ordained the Holy Estate of Matrimony for the setting forth of thy glory, and the mutual help and comfort of thy creatures ; Send thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, upon thy servants who shall this day be [or, who have this day been] joined together according to the solemn ordinances of thy Church ; and grant that they, ever remem-

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bering the vow and covenant which they shall this day make [or, have this day made] in thy sight, and strengthened by thy grace to fulfil the same, may abide in thy love until their lives' end, and in the world to come may together be partakers of thine everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Prayer upon the Birth of a Child.

O GOD, who hast taught us that children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of thee; We give thee humble thanks for that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver thy servant [the mistress of this family] from the great pain and peril of child-birth. Continue thy loving-kindness unto her; preserve and strengthen her in her present need, and restore her again to her accustomed health. Bless, we pray thee, the Infant thus brought into this sinful world, and grant that, devoted to thee in thy Holy Sacrament of Baptism, he may be regenerated by thy Spirit, and adopted into thy family, and having lived to thy glory, and the comfort of his Parents, may finally, by thy

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mercy, obtain everlasting life ; through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer upon the Baptism of a Child.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who when thou wast upon earth didst most lovingly receive the children that were brought unto thee, and didst command thy Apostles to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ; We beseech thee to look with thy favour upon the Infant which is this day to be [or, has this day been] brought to thee in Holy Baptism, and upon all engaged in this work of Charity. Grant that being baptized with the Holy Ghost, and made thy child by adoption and grace, *he* may continue thine for ever, and daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit until *he* come unto thine everlasting glory. Grant, also, that *his* Parents and sureties may remember the solemn vow, promise, and profession which has this day been made in *his* behalf ; and so train *him* in thy faith and fear that, having lived to thy glory upon earth, *he* may finally be an inheritor of thine everlasting Kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Prayer before and after Confirmation.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which be good and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplication unto thee for thy servant who is shortly about to renew [or, who has this day renewed] the Covenant of *his* Baptism. Grant that having now joined *himself* unto the Lord by a willing surrender of *himself* to thy service, *he* may henceforth not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer for Domestic Harmony.

BLESSED Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work; give unto us thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there

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be no schism in this household. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil speaking, with all malice ; and grant that in honour preferring one another, we may walk in love, even as thou, Lord, loved us, and gave thyself for us, who now livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed evermore.

Amen.

Prayer during the time of any Domestic Trial.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who hast invited us to call upon thee in the hour of trial, and hast graciously promised to hear us ; Mercifully incline thine ear unto us who now offer our prayers unto thee. Thou hast taught us in thy Holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, but chastenest them for their profit ; look with pity, O Lord, upon us ; remember us in mercy ; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us ; endue our souls with patience and resignation to thy blessed will ; comfort us with the light of thy countenance ; and in thine own good time grant us a happy issue out of all our trouble, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for one troubled in Mind.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies and the God of all comforts ; We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon thy afflicted servant. Thou makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities ; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble ; But, O merciful God, break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure ; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace ; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer in using Medical Advice.

O GRACIOUS God and Father, who in the midst of judgment rememberest mercy, we call upon thee in behalf of thy suffering servant at this hour of *his* greatest need. Thou hast enabled man to discover remedies for our sorest diseases, and given him skill to apply the same. Grant thine especial blessing, we beseech thee, upon the means now used for the relief of *him* for whom

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our prayers are offered up, that they may be effectual to *his* recovery. Thou knowest our frame, thou rememberest that we are but dust. Have compassion therefore upon *him*, we pray thee, in *his* weakness ; support *him* with a stedfast trust in thy mercy, and strengthen *him* to endure patiently whatsoever trial thou shalt appoint. And grant, we beseech thee, both to *him* and us, that the pains and miseries to which we are liable in this mortal state may increase our sympathy for each other, may teach us to weep with those that weep, and may raise our thoughts and affections to that world, where there shall be no more pain. We ask this for the merits, and through the mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death ; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness : Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation ; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and

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save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake : That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation ; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sick Person, when there appeareth but small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need ; We beseech thee in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord ; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus ; that

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his sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that *he* may be sustained in faith and patience unto the end, and after *his* departure hence in peace, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A commendatory Prayer for a Sick Person at the point of Departure.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of the just made perfect, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh; We commend thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; humbly beseeching thee, that *his* soul may be precious in thy sight.

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Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in this sinful world, being purged away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. O blessed Jesus, who thyself hast died, be with the spirit of thy servant at this awful moment; let no weakness of expiring nature, no power of the evil one, separate *his* soul from thee; but be thou nigh to receive *him* unto thyself, that where thou art, there *he* may be also. O Lord, into thine hands we commend *his* spirit, for thou hast redeemed *him*; O! keep that which we commit unto thee against that day. Hear us, and have mercy upon us, and prepare us for our dying hour, for thy name and glory's sake. *Amen.*

Prayer after the Death of any Member of the Family.

O GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, so that when thou speakest the word, we turn again to our dust, and all our thoughts perish; We humble ourselves under thy mighty hand, which we acknowledge to be upon us at this season.

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We adore thy majesty and submit to thy providence ; we revere thy justice and magnify thy mercy. Thou hast released thy servant from the miseries of this sinful world, and left us in sorrow and sadness ; thou hast taken *him* to thyself, and left us to lament *his* departure. Sustain the souls of thy servants, we pray thee ; and quicken us to run with patience the race that is set before us, in a lively hope of that day, when, with the whole company of thine elect, we may enjoy our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul in thine eternal and everlasting glory. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Him, who died, and rose again for us, and who ever liveth at thy right hand, to make intercession for us, even Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving after Recovery from Sickness.

O most great and merciful God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again ; We bless thy great and wonderful goodness for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring thy servant to [some degree of] *his* former health. Blessed be thy Name, that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his*

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sickness ; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above, supporting *him* in patience and submission to thy will ; and at length didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee; this thy mercy towards *him*, [and prosper the means which shall be used for *his* further cure ;] that being restored to health of body, strength of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may devote the residue of *his* days to thy glory, by a humble, holy, and obedient life ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer on behalf of any Members about to be separated from the Family.

O HEAVENLY Father, we pray thee have mercy upon the members of this family who are now going forth from among us ; and as thou didst send thy blessing upon thy servant Jacob when he went to a strange land, so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants. Let thy mighty arm protect them, and thy Spirit guide them in the way wherein they go. Be thou their God, and let them be thy people ; and having

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been prospered by thee in their undertakings, grant that our eyes may see them returning to their own land in peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer before a Journey.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, graciously look upon thy servant, now setting forth upon *his* journey. Preserve *him* by thy grace from the temptations to which *he* may be exposed in all places and companies where *his* circumstances may lead *him*. Protect *him* in *his* going out, and in *his* coming in, from all dangers, and evil accidents ; and grant that being prospered on *his* way, and brought back in safety with thy favour and blessing, *he* may keep thy great goodness in remembrance, and serve thee faithfully all the days of *his* life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for a safe Return from a Journey.

ALMIGHTY God, who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with lovingkindness and tender mercy ; We give thee humble thanks, that thou hast brought back thy servant safe to

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the end of *his* journey. Make *him* and us, we pray thee, truly thankful for this thy mercy towards *him*, and grant that walking before thee in all holiness and righteousness, we may show forth thy praise all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Inmates of a Workhouse.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in thy good providence ordained that the poor shall never cease out of the land, and hast therefore commanded us to open our hand wide to the poor and to the needy; Regard with thy favour this institution for their relief and comfort. Grant to those who direct its affairs that they may exercise justice, wisdom, patience, and kindness; and endue with the spirit of submission and thankfulness those who partake of its benefits. May thy fear be upon the hearts of all; may the idle learn industry, the unruly be reclaimed, the young trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and all brought to the knowledge and fear of thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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Prayer for the Poor and Aged.

O GOD, who in thy wisdom and mercy dost order our several conditions in this world; Look down, we beseech thee, with compassion upon these thine aged servants. Thou hast seen good to appoint their lot in distress and poverty; give them grace to see thy hand in these dealings of thy providence, and to submit themselves to thy holy will and pleasure. Quicken them by thy blessed Spirit to repentance, faith, and holy obedience; that the hoary head may be to them a crown of glory, being found in the way of righteousness. Make them, we pray thee, contented under privations; patient under the increasing infirmities of age; humble and thankful towards thee; forbearing and kind one towards another. Though they be poor in this world, grant that they may be rich in faith, and heirs of everlasting salvation; and support them in this life of sorrow with a good hope, through grace, of eternal rest in thy kingdom of glory. And this we ask in the Name, and for the merits of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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Prayer for the Young under Instruction.

O GOD, who hast promised in thy Holy Word that they who seek thee early shall find thee ; Mercifully regard with thy favour the younger members of this family ; dispose their hearts, we beseech thee, to flee youthful lusts, and to remember thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth. Vouchsafe to them the increase of thy Holy Spirit ; make them healthy and cheerful, chaste and temperate, humble and teachable, ready to be advised, patient under reproof. Deliver them from sloth and idleness, folly and waywardness, and all the temptations of this evil world. Give them, O Lord, a right judgment in all things, and enable them by thy Holy Spirit to know and understand all such things as are profitable for them : and, above all, grant them grace to devote all their talents to thy glory, and to the good of their fellow-creatures. And this we beg, for Jesus Christ, his sake. *Amen.*

Prayer in time of War.

O LORD God of Hosts, by whose permission nation riseth against nation, Who useth their swords for thy judgments, and at thy will makest

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wars to cease ;—purify us, we humbly pray thee, from all sin in our share of this present strife ; bring it speedily, if it please thee, to a right and lasting peace : and, meanwhile, hear us, good Lord, for those who fight by land or sea,—that thou wouldest give them protection and true courage in danger, and mercy in victory ; for those who suffer,—the dying, the wounded, the sick, the mourners for the fallen,—that thou wouldest be with them for support and comfort ; for those who are gone forth to minister to the suffering, to their souls and bodies,—that thou wouldest grant them endurance and patient watching, with skill and gentleness, to the healing of pain and sorrow. O our God, be with all who need thee, and raise our hopes to that blessed time, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and when they shall learn war no more. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Peace.

O GOD, who maketh wars to cease, who breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, we

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adore thee for the restoration of peace to our land. Save us from pride and self-confidence ; make us mindful that all is of thy favour towards us ; and give us grace to use aright the blessing vouchsafed to us. And, if it may be, O Heavenly Father, overrule all to the blessed issue, beyond mere earthly peace, of restored brotherhood amongst Christian nations, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the re-union of Christendom in one faith and love. All this we ask, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayer for Seasonable Weather.

HEAVENLY Father, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised the supply of bodily necessities to all who seek first thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof ; send to us, we beseech thee, such seasonable weather that the earth may in due time yield her increase for our benefit ; and give us grace by thy punishments to amend our ways, and for thy clemency to give thee thanks and praise ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Thanksgiving for the Fruits of the Earth.

O GRACIOUS God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, whose clouds drop fatness, we, thy servants, rejoicing in thy mercy, render thee our humble and hearty thanks for the increase of the ground, and the gathering in of the fruits of the earth in their season. Continue, we beseech thee, these thy gifts to us, and help us to devote them to thy glory, and the good of our fellow-creatures ; that so thy mercies may win us to thy service, and work together for our everlasting welfare ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be praise and glory for ever. *Amen.*



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